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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment rate edged down from 9.0 to 8.8 percent in October, according to preliminary estimates. Approximately 60,100 persons were unemployed during October, 700 fewer than in the previous month. One year ago, unemployment in New Mexico stood at 55,700, yielding a jobless rate of 8.5 percent. Nationally, the unemployment rate this October was 6.6 percent (not seasonally adjusted), down from 6.8 percent in September.

Total nonfarm payroll employment in New Mexico rose by 2,400 jobs in October. The largest increases were in state and local government, as educational institutions continued to staff up for the fall term. Seasonal job declines were posted in construction and at lodging places, restaurants and amusement facilities.

Of note during October was employment in oil & gas extraction which edged up slightly, in contrast to the severe layoffs experienced through the first nine months of 1986. Manufacturing also added jobs, with small increases in electrical equipment, transportation, and food processing.

The effects of the downturn in the mining industry is evident when looking at New Mexico county unemployment rates (see page 9). The five counties with the largest increases in jobless rates over the last twelve months all have suffered from mining layoffs. Taos County saw the closing of Molycorp's molybdenum mine, while large oil & gas cutbacks have occurred in Lea and San Juan over the last year. Mora and Rio Arriba's worsened unemployment is at least partially the result of the mining layoffs in neighboring Taos and San Juan Counties.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	682,400	676,700	656,600	+5,700	+25,800
Employment	622,300	615,900	600,900	+6,400	+21,400
Unemployment	60,100	60,800	55,700	- 700	+4,400
Rate	8.8%	9.0%	8.5%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

NEW MEXICO	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT CHANGE FROM OCT 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	527,000	524,600	525,400	2,400	1,600
MINING	14,800	14,700	20,200	100	-5,400
Metal Mining	2,200	2,200	3,100	0	-900
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying etc	3,600	3,600	3,900	0	-300
Oil & Gas Extraction	9,000	8,900	13,200	100	-4,200
CONSTRUCTION	37,100	38,100	37,600	-1,000	-500
MANUFACTURING	38,500	38,300	38,000	200	500
DURABLE GOODS	24,400	24,300	24,300	100	100
Lumber & Wood Products	2,700	2,800	2,600	-100	100
Machinery(except electric)	2,400	2,400	2,700	0	-300
Elec & Electronic Equip	6,900	6,800	6,500	100	400
Transportation Equipment	4,100	4,000	4,200	100	-100
Other Durable Goods	8,300	8,300	8,300	0	0
NONDURABLE GOODS	14,100	14,000	13,700	100	400
Food & Kindred Products	5,400	5,300	4,800	100	600
Textile & Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,400	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	6,300	6,300	6,500	0	-200
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,500	28,000	30,000	500	-1,500
TRANSPORTATION	12,800	12,700	13,200	100	-400
Railroad Transportation	2,300	2,300	2,400	0	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	6,000	5,900	6,100	100	-100
Other Transportation	4,500	4,500	4,700	0	-200
COMMUNICATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	15,700	15,300	16,800	400	-1,100
Communication	6,600	6,600	7,200	0	-600
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	9,100	8,700	9,600	400	-500
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	129,500	129,700	126,200	-200	3,300
WHOLESALE TRADE	22,800	22,600	23,300	200	-500
Durable Goods	13,700	13,600	13,700	100	0
Nondurable Goods	9,100	9,000	9,600	100	-500
RETAIL TRADE	106,700	107,100	102,900	-400	3,800
Bldg Material & Mobile Homes	4,900	5,000	4,700	-100	200
General Merchandise Stores	13,300	12,800	12,200	500	1,100
Food Stores	16,200	16,300	15,400	-100	800
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	13,200	13,200	13,000	0	200
Apparel & Accessories	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
Furniture & Furnishing	4,500	4,400	4,500	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	37,200	38,000	35,700	-800	1,500
Miscellaneous Retail	11,800	11,800	11,800	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	26,400	26,400	25,400	0	1,000
Banking	8,100	8,200	8,100	-100	0
Insurance Carriers	3,400	3,300	3,300	100	100
Insur Agents, Brokers & Service	2,900	2,800	2,700	100	200
Real Estate	6,400	6,500	6,200	-100	200
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	5,600	5,600	5,100	0	500
SERVICES	116,000	116,500	113,800	-500	2,200
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	12,500	12,800	11,700	-300	800
Personal Services	5,800	5,700	5,700	100	100
Business Services	27,500	27,400	26,600	100	900
Health Services	27,500	27,500	27,300	0	200
Legal Services	4,100	4,000	3,800	100	300
Educational Services	3,900	3,800	4,100	100	-200
Social Services	7,700	7,600	7,200	100	500
Membership Organizations	5,400	5,500	6,100	-100	-700
Other Services	21,600	22,200	21,300	-600	300
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	136,200	132,900	134,200	3,300	2,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	29,300	29,400	29,100	-100	200
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	106,900	103,500	105,100	3,400	1,800
State Government 2/	48,800	46,900	48,500	1,900	300
Local Government	58,100	56,600	56,600	1,500	1,500

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)

HIGHLIGHTS

Albuquerque area unemployment edged upward slightly in October to 17,100 jobless persons, an increase of 600 over the September total, according to preliminary labor force estimates. The October unemployment rate of 6.6 percent was barely up from September's 6.5 percent rate and was exactly the same as it was one year ago.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in the Albuquerque area advanced by 1,400 jobs between September and October. Nearly all of the increase occurred in state and local government as the university and public schools got their fall terms fully underway. Small employment gains were experienced in health services as area hospitals added to their payrolls and in general merchandise as hiring increased at local department stores. Over-the-month job losses were noted for both food stores and eating and drinking places. Construction jobs edged downward slightly in a seasonal move, as did the related stone, clay, & glass and lumber & wood sectors of durable goods manufacturing. Over-the-year employment changes were mostly on the upside, as total payroll employment grew by 4,300 jobs since October 1985. Jobs in government were above the year ago level, and healthy private sector advances were noted in services and trade. Within those major groups, growth was most prominent in eating & drinking places, lodging places, health services, general merchandise stores, and food stores. On the downside, construction employment is now well below the year ago level, and jobs have also been lost in nondurable goods manufacturing, especially food manufacturing.

OCTOBER SUMMARY

	Prel.	Revised		Change From	
	Oct. 1986	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985	Sep. 1986	Oct. 1985
Civilian Labor Force	259,800	255,000	245,300	+4,800	+14,500
Employment	242,700	238,500	229,100	+4,200	+13,600
Unemployment	17,100	16,500	16,200	+ 600	+ 900
Rate	6.6%	6.5%	6.6%		

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

ALBUQUERQUE MSA (BERNALILLO COUNTY)	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT CHANGE FROM OCT 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	227,500	226,100	223,200	1,400	4,300
MINING	300	300	300	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	18,200	18,300	18,800	-100	-600
MANUFACTURING	19,500	19,600	19,600	-100	-100
Durable Goods	13,800	13,900	13,600	-100	200
Nondurable Goods	5,700	5,700	6,000	0	-300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	12,300	12,200	12,200	100	100
Transportation	6,100	6,000	5,700	100	400
Communication	3,800	3,800	4,000	0	-200
Elec, Gas, & Sanitary Services	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	-100
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	58,300	58,300	57,300	0	1,000
WHOLESALE TRADE	14,100	14,000	14,300	100	-200
Durable Goods	9,500	9,400	9,500	100	0
Nondurable Goods	4,600	4,600	4,800	0	-200
RETAIL TRADE	44,200	44,300	43,000	-100	1,200
General Merchandise Stores	5,100	4,900	4,700	200	400
Food Stores	5,200	5,300	4,900	-100	300
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	4,800	4,700	4,800	100	0
Eating & Drinking Places	16,400	16,700	15,900	-300	500
Other Retail Trade	12,700	12,700	12,700	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	13,800	13,800	13,500	0	300
Banking	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents & Brokers	3,900	3,900	3,800	0	100
Other Fin, Ins & Real Estate	6,700	6,700	6,500	0	200
SERVICES	59,000	58,700	57,400	300	1,600
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	3,900	3,900	3,500	0	400
Personal Services	3,100	3,000	3,100	100	0
Business Services	18,800	18,800	18,600	0	200
Health Services	13,500	13,300	13,100	200	400
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,800	0	0
Membership Organizations	1,600	1,600	1,700	0	-100
Other Services	15,300	15,300	14,600	0	700
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	46,100	44,900	44,100	1,200	2,000
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	12,800	12,900	12,300	-100	500
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	33,300	32,000	31,800	1,300	1,500
State Government	13,900	13,100	13,300	800	600
Local Government	19,400	18,900	18,500	500	900

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)
(Prepared in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

LAS CRUCES MSA (DONA ANA COUNTY) 1/	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT CHANGE FROM OCT 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	40,450	39,450	37,850	1,000	2,600
MINING 3/	0	0	0	0	0
CONSTRUCTION	2,800	2,900	2,500	-100	300
MANUFACTURING	3,600	3,450	3,450	150	150
Durable Goods	1,300	1,350	1,150	-50	150
Nondurable Goods	2,300	2,100	2,300	200	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,450	1,450	1,450	0	0
Transportation	600	600	600	0	0
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	850	850	850	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	8,250	8,200	7,750	50	500
WHOLESALE TRADE	800	800	850	0	-50
RETAIL TRADE	7,450	7,400	6,900	50	550
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	950	0	0
Food Stores	1,050	1,000	950	50	100
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	800	800	800	0	0
Eating & Drinking Places	3,200	3,200	2,800	0	400
Other Retail Trade	1,450	1,450	1,400	0	50
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	1,650	1,650	1,550	0	100
SERVICES	5,800	5,600	5,450	200	350
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	700	650	600	50	100
Business Services	1,000	1,000	900	0	100
Health Services	1,500	1,500	1,400	0	100
Social Services	300	350	350	-50	-50
Other Services	2,300	2,100	2,200	200	100
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	16,900	16,200	15,700	700	1,200
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	4,700	4,700	4,700	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	12,200	11,500	11,000	700	1,200
State Government	7,300	6,700	6,000	600	1,300
Local Government	4,900	4,800	5,000	100	-100

SANTA FE MSA (SANTA FE & LOS ALAMOS COUNTIES) 1/	PRELIM OCT 1986	REVISED SEP 1986	REVISED OCT 1985	OCT CHANGE FROM SEP 1986	OCT CHANGE FROM OCT 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 2/	51,050	51,150	51,000	-100	50
MINING	100	100	150	0	-50
CONSTRUCTION	3,600	3,600	3,600	0	0
MANUFACTURING	1,550	1,550	1,650	0	-100
Durable Goods	950	950	950	0	0
Nondurable Goods	600	600	700	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,100	1,100	1,100	0	0
Transportation	400	400	350	0	50
Comm, Elec, Gas & Sanitary Svs	700	700	750	0	-50
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	10,050	10,150	9,900	-100	150
WHOLESALE TRADE	700	700	700	0	0
RETAIL TRADE	9,350	9,450	9,200	-100	150
General Merchandise Stores	950	950	1,000	0	-50
Food Stores	1,400	1,400	1,250	0	150
Auto Dealers & Service Stations	850	850	900	0	-50
Eating & Drinking Places	3,600	3,700	3,500	-100	100
Other Retail Trade	2,550	2,550	2,550	0	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE, & REAL ESTATE	2,050	2,050	2,000	0	50
SERVICES	12,800	13,200	12,300	-400	500
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	1,950	2,050	1,650	-100	300
Business Services	3,100	3,100	2,900	0	200
Health Services	2,600	2,600	2,600	0	0
Social Services	550	550	550	0	0
Other Services	4,600	4,900	4,600	-300	0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	19,800	19,400	20,300	400	-500
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT	1,500	1,500	1,500	0	0
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT	18,300	17,900	18,800	400	-500
State Government 4/	14,900	14,700	15,100	200	-200
Local Government	3,400	3,200	3,700	200	-300

1/ In accordance with the CES Manual, those published cells with less than 2,000 employees are rounded to nearest 50. Those published cells with more than 2,000 employees are rounded to 100.

2/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

3/ The employment for the Las Cruces MSA is rounded to fifty. Because employment in this industry is below 25 it appears as zero.

4/ Includes employees of Los Alamos National Laboratory.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS

Hours and Earnings of Production, Construction and Nonsupervisory Employees
(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
NEW MEXICO	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985
MINING	$488.38	$495.65	$519.83	41.6	39.4	43.5	11.74	12.58	11.95
CONSTRUCTION	$393.89	$393.12	$374.87	37.3	36.4	35.1	10.56	10.80	10.68
MANUFACTURING	$347.58	$349.13	$332.29	40.7	39.9	39.7	8.54	8.75	8.37
Durable Goods	$346.93	$343.66	$336.54	41.4	40.1	39.5	8.38	8.57	8.52
Nondurable Goods	$352.29	$360.51	$322.40	39.1	39.4	40.1	9.01	9.15	8.04
COMMUNICATION & UTILITIES	$453.58	$586.04	$477.55	40.9	44.6	42.6	11.09	13.14	11.21
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	$218.64	$223.93	$213.52	32.2	32.5	32.9	6.79	6.89	6.49
Wholesale Trade	$381.71	$379.20	$352.77	41.4	40.6	41.6	9.22	9.34	8.48
Retail Trade	$190.00	$194.99	$185.36	30.4	31.0	31.1	6.25	6.29	5.96
BANKING	$222.85	$222.91	$217.20	37.9	38.7	40.0	5.88	5.76	5.43
ALBUQUERQUE MSA	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985	OCT 1986	SEP 1986	OCT 1985
MANUFACTURING	$361.58	$361.97	$340.45	40.4	40.9	40.1	8.95	8.85	8.49
Durable Goods	$406.50	$359.07	$349.44	42.3	40.3	39.8	9.61	8.91	8.78
Nondurable Goods	$273.05	$372.80	$317.75	36.7	42.9	41.0	7.44	8.69	7.75

NOTE: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part time work, overtime work etc.

AREA ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

STATEWIDE: A major restructuring of the Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. will mean a loss of about 200 jobs in New Mexico, according to railroad union officials. Santa Fe is expected to eliminate 7,900 jobs nationwide in the reorganization. Santa Fe currently employs about 2,000 workers in New Mexico. New Mexico is currently experiencing very slow overall employment growth, and this is expected to continue at least through 1988, according to recent projections by the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at the University of New Mexico. Job declines are expected to persist in the state's mining sector, along with only minor job expansion in most other areas of New Mexico's economy.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA: The recent purchase of the Sperry Aerospace Group, which includes the Albuquerque plant, by Honeywell, Inc. is not expected to have any negative impacts on the Albuquerque operation, according to a Honeywell official. Groundbreaking ceremonies were held in late November for the 131-acre Albuquerque International Business Park located west of the city airport. The facility is being developed by The Moore Organization and Crossroads Developers Inc. Officials expect the first building sites to be available within six months, and the project will be under development over a three-to four-year period. The new Veterans Administration Hospital has opened; 330 additional jobs will be phased in at the hospital over the next three years. A new Smith's Food and Drug Center has opened at Lomas and San Pedro and employs about 75 people. Santa Fe Railway has begun construction on a $2 million automobile unloading center on 23 acres near South Second Street and Woodward Road; the facility is expected to be operational by March 1987, creating 20 new jobs. Four Hills 12, a $3.5 million, 12-screen, 2,800 seat movie theatre complex, is now under construction at Four Hills Village Shopping Center near Tramway and

Central; the facility will create about 40 new jobs and should be open by April 1987. A new $2.6 million, 32,000-square-foot computer science building is under construction at the Montoya Campus of Albuquerque Technical-VocationalInstitute; completion is expected in August 1987. Construction has begun on the $1.7 million, 20,000-square-foot Carlisle Office Park near Carlisle and Candelaria. Walgreen has opened its newest New Mexico store on Southern Boulevard in Rio Rancho; the store employs about 30 people. Construction has begun on a new $2.9 million elementary school in Rio Rancho; completion is expected in time for the fall 1987 school term. Ground has been broken for construction of First National Bank of Belen's new $5 million, four-story, 45,000-square-foot office building in downtown Belen; completion is expected sometime in 1988. Plans are moving forward on Belen's proposed Sun Zia Plaza Shopping Center; the proposal is for a $5 million, 227,000-square-foot center with more than 30 tenants which would create about 200 jobs. Construction is expected to begin by next spring. A Northern Italian-style restaurant is scheduled to open at the corner of Tramway and Indian School Rd. next spring. The eatery will be named Ciao! and will contain 8,500 square feet plus outdoor patios and seat approximately 450. Albuquerque has been named the site of the 1987 Miss USA pageant, to be held this February in Tingley Coliseum. Officials estimate that the event will bring more than $2 million into the city's economy. The archdiocese of Santa Fe plans to build a new 1,600-seat gymnasium and a new classroom structure on the former University of Albuquerque campus, in preparation for the move of St. Pius X High School there in the fall of 1988. Royal Building Inc., a Hobbs metal building manufacturer, is planning to open a branch plant in Moriarty which is expected to employ approximately 10 workers.

ALAMOGORDO AREA: Officials have broken ground for the new Sierra Blanca Regional Airport located 12 miles north of Ruidoso. The 160-acre airport is expected to be ready for use by November of next year. The White Sands Missile Range (WSMR) phone system will undergo a $6.4 million upgrade over the next year, involving new equipment and construction. T-CAS, Inc. of Vienna, VA and Bourgon Construction of El Paso will be responsible for construction on the project, and Northern Telcom, Inc. will provide the digital equipment for the upgrade. Kiewit Western of Littleton, Colorado was awarded a $3.1 million contract for construction of an all-weather road linking Highway 24 and Sunspot. United New Mexico Bank broke ground for its new $2 million facility in Alamogordo. Safeway opened a large new food store in Ruidoso in November.

CARLSBAD / ARTESIA AREA: Two area potash mines have announced temporary shutdowns. Lundberg Industries has scheduled an eight-week closing beginning November 23, and International Minerals & Chemical Corp. (IMC) has scheduled a three-week shutdown of its potash mining facility beginning December 14.

FARMINGTON AREA: Plans are well underway for a new $3.2 million, 41,000-square-foot Farmington post office to replace the currently leased downtown facility; construction is expected to begin early in 1987 and take nearly a year to complete. More than $4 million worth of school addition and remodeling projects should soon be underway in several locations in the Kirtland Central School District. Navajo Agricultural Products Industry (NAPI) is negotiating with a undisclosed Maine firm to locate a potato-processing plant south of Farmington that could employ up to 300 workers. The plant could be operational sometime next year processing potatoes grown on NAPI's 48,000 acres of irrigated farm land.

GALLUP / GRANTS AREA: Kachina Packing, a Gallup meat-packing business, expects to be able to hire 25-30 new employees in 1987 as a result of a 10-acre expansion of their facility. Financing is now in place for development and construction of a new $2.7 million, 37,000-square-foot Crownpoint Shopping Center.

LAS CRUCES AREA: The area pecan harvest was underway in early November with about 14,000 acres of pecan trees in Dona Ana County in production this year. The new 207-room Hilton Hotel in Las Cruces hired approximately 200 employees for its opening in November. A Montana-based firm, United Tote Inc., has taken over operations of the Sunland Park horse racing facility in southern Dona Ana County. Sunland Park opened for its 28th season on October 11. Wooten Construction of Las Cruces was awarded a $9 million contract to build three new schools in the Sunland Park area.

LAS VEGAS AREA: Coca Cola will be the first tenant in the Dee Bibb Industrial Park; the firm expects to open a distribution center in the park sometime in December.

SANTA FE AREA: Federal Express has announced it will build a 17,000-square-foot regional processing facility in the Joseph Valdes Industrial Park; the facility should be in operation by mid-1987, creating 44 new jobs. A building permit valued at $1.68 million has been issued for an ambulatory surgical center addition to St. Vincent Hospital. The main construction is now completed on the $8.3 million Ponce de Leon retirement center on Alta Vista St. in Santa Fe, and the facility should be ready for occupancy in December. The center is expected to employ about 30 workers when operating at capacity.

SILVER CITY AREA: Wonder World, a new discount department store in Silver City, opened for business in November withapproximately 50 workers. The U.S. Forest Service is proposing the location of a 160-acre seed orchard near Fort Bayard Medical Center. The orchard would be the only one of its kind in the western region of the U.S. The Hidalgo Medical Complex was recently dedicated in Lordsburg. The facility will be managed by the Gila Regional Medical Center in Silver City. Tatsch Construction of Silver City is adding a new $2.7 million wing to Mimbres Memorial Hospital.

SOCORRO / T or C AREA: Stagewest Inc. held ground breaking ceremonies for its Butterfield Flats project, a western town located near Elephant Butte which will be used for movie making and as a tourist attraction. Ground has been broken for construction of the new $6 million New Mexico Fire Training Academy on the campus of New Mexico Tech in Socorro; the facility should be operational by May 1988. Construction has begun on Socorro's new $4.6 million Sarracino Middle School. A new Arby's restaurant will soon open in Socorro.

TAOS AREA: Molycorp has announced the suspension of all operations at its Questa mine and mill; as a result, 130 more employees have been laid off, leaving only 15 supervisors still employed there. At one time, the operation employed about 900 people.

Additional Information on State Government Employment

Number of Classified State Govt. Workers

October 1986	14,982
September 1986	14,902
October 1985	15,106

These figures include classified employees working for classified agencies of the executive branch of state government. This information is furnished by the New Mexico State Personnel Office.

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(Base Year 1967 = 100)

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers
CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

NEW MEXICO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/

	PRELIMINARY OCTOBER 1986				REVISED SEPTEMBER 1986				REVISED OCTOBER 1985			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	682,451	622,304	60,147	8.8%	676,758	615,909	60,849	9.0%	656,650	600,938	55,712	8.5%
ALBUQUERQUE MSA 2/	259,823	242,712	17,111	6.6%	255,068	238,549	16,519	6.5%	245,345	229,148	16,197	6.6%
LAS CRUCES MSA 3/	57,418	53,540	3,878	6.8%	56,009	51,780	4,229	7.6%	51,858	47,576	4,282	8.3%
SANTA FE MSA 4/	62,721	59,425	3,296	5.3%	62,855	59,620	3,235	5.1%	59,955	56,859	3,096	5.2%
Catron	1,176	1,035	141	12.0%	1,254	1,133	121	9.6%	1,002	854	148	14.8%
Chaves	23,638	21,594	2,044	8.6%	23,440	21,330	2,110	9.0%	23,620	21,847	1,773	7.5%
Cibola	8,569	7,190	1,379	16.1%	8,617	7,113	1,504	17.5%	8,639	6,726	1,913	22.1%
Colfax	6,780	5,941	839	12.4%	7,012	6,203	809	11.5%	6,808	6,037	771	11.3%
Curry	18,245	16,893	1,352	7.4%	17,709	16,314	1,395	7.9%	16,743	15,535	1,208	7.2%
De Baca	1,051	937	114	10.8%	1,031	926	105	10.2%	994	877	117	11.8%
Eddy	22,553	19,739	2,814	12.5%	22,616	19,424	3,192	14.1%	22,186	19,629	2,557	11.5%
Grant	10,078	9,054	1,024	10.2%	9,920	8,822	1,098	11.1%	9,789	8,514	1,275	13.0%
Guadalupe	1,724	1,502	222	12.9%	1,757	1,558	199	11.3%	1,656	1,448	208	12.6%
Harding	529	479	50	9.5%	526	481	45	8.6%	528	484	44	8.3%
Hidalgo	2,455	2,281	174	7.1%	2,447	2,283	164	6.7%	2,415	2,219	196	8.1%
Lea	25,282	21,797	3,485	13.8%	25,659	21,789	3,870	15.1%	26,662	25,039	1,623	6.1%
Lincoln	7,296	6,729	567	7.8%	8,297	7,768	529	6.4%	7,573	7,054	519	6.9%
Luna	6,095	5,322	773	12.7%	6,109	5,355	754	12.3%	6,064	5,268	796	13.1%
McKinley	17,144	14,880	2,264	13.2%	17,222	14,919	2,303	13.4%	17,516	15,082	2,434	13.9%
Mora	1,376	934	442	32.1%	1,357	927	430	31.7%	1,506	1,108	398	26.4%
Otero	17,895	16,632	1,263	7.1%	17,781	16,523	1,258	7.1%	17,051	15,549	1,502	8.8%
Quay	4,606	4,220	386	8.4%	4,698	4,288	410	8.7%	4,689	4,247	442	9.4%
Rio Arriba	12,830	10,566	2,264	17.6%	12,929	10,655	2,274	17.6%	13,564	11,455	2,109	15.5%
Roosevelt	7,932	7,568	364	4.6%	7,687	7,304	383	5.0%	7,522	7,137	385	5.1%
Sandoval	22,749	20,606	2,143	9.4%	22,649	20,633	2,016	8.9%	21,564	19,812	1,752	8.1%
San Juan	34,483	29,251	5,232	15.2%	34,892	29,151	5,741	16.5%	34,194	30,085	4,109	12.0%
San Miguel	10,214	9,022	1,192	11.7%	9,817	8,631	1,186	12.1%	10,157	8,880	1,277	12.6%
Sierra	2,536	2,343	193	7.6%	2,487	2,329	158	6.4%	2,328	2,109	219	9.4%
Socorro	5,888	5,309	579	9.8%	5,759	5,226	533	9.3%	5,479	5,002	477	8.7%
Taos	9,601	7,125	2,476	25.8%	9,490	7,279	2,211	23.3%	10,503	8,634	1,869	17.8%
Torrance	3,227	2,876	351	10.9%	3,153	2,819	334	10.6%	3,446	3,067	379	11.0%
Union	2,165	2,017	148	6.8%	2,154	2,002	152	7.1%	2,180	2,074	106	4.9%
Valencia	14,372	12,785	1,587	11.0%	14,357	12,775	1,582	11.0%	13,114	11,583	1,531	11.7%

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

2/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Bernalillo County

3/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Dona Ana County

4/ Metropolitan Statistical Area - Santa Fe and Los Alamos Counties

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